

Amendments to the Drawings

Kindly replace drawing sheets 10/12 and 11/12 with the attached "Replacement Sheets", in order to label Figs. 14 and 15 as "Prior Art."

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 14 has been cancelled, and claims 1-4, 6 and 11, have been amended. Thus, claims 1-13 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and revised to make grammatical and idiomatic improvements in order to aid the Examiner in further consideration of the application. The amendments to the specification and abstract are incorporated in the attached substitute specification and abstract. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and Abstract by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made:**"

In items 10 and 11 on page 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-13 are allowable over the prior art of record, and that claims 3 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action.

Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application, claim 14 has been cancelled, and the remaining claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to otherwise improve their U.S. form.

With specific reference to the Office Action, in item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Figs. 14 and 15 should be labeled as "Prior Art." Accordingly, replacement formal drawings are submitted herewith in order to so label Figs. 14 and 15 as "Prior Art".

In item 2 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to for failing to show the entire embodiment of claims 11 and 14. This objection has been obviated by cancelling claim 14, and amending claim 11 to delete many of the recited features.

Regarding item 3 on page 4 of the office Action, the above-mentioned substitute specification is effective to change "17" to --17c-- as suggested by the Examiner. However, regarding the reference numeral "27" at line 11 of page 7 of the original specification, please note

that "27" was changed to --connection via hole 27-- by the Preliminary Amendment filed March 8, 2005.

Regarding item 4 on page 4 of the Office Action, it is noted that claim 2 has been amended to change "a connection terminal" to --an output terminal--.

In items 5 and 6 on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action, claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is believed moot in view of the above amendments to claims 3 and 6.

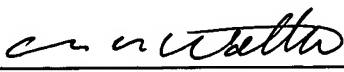
In items 7-9 on pages 6-9 of the Office Action, prior art rejections were presented against claim 14. However, as noted above, claim 14 has been cancelled, such that these rejections are believed moot.

Thus, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter as set forth in items 10 and 11 on page 9 of the Office Action, and in view of the above amendments to address the problems noted by the Examiner in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, it is submitted that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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